

HONORABLE MARSHA J. PECHMAN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

ALPENSPRUCE EDUCATION SOLUTIONS
INC., a Washington corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

CASCADE PARENT LIMITED, a Jersey
limited company; and PARALLELS INC., a
Delaware corporation,

Defendant.

No. 2:23-cv-00692-MJP

JOINT MOTION FOR STAY OF
PROCEEDINGS PENDING MEDIATION
AND PROPOSED ORDER

NOTE ON MOTION CALENDAR:
January 5, 2024

JOINT MOTION FOR STAY OF PROCEEDINGS PENDING MEDIATION

Plaintiff Alpenspruce Education Solutions, Inc. (“Plaintiff”) and Defendants Cascade Parent Limited and Parallels Inc. (collectively, “Defendants”) jointly move this Court to stay the proceedings pending mediation between the parties.

On September 13, 2023, the Court issued its Scheduling Order in this case. Dkt. No. 26. The Scheduling Order set a deadline of July 12, 2024 to complete all fact and expert discovery. *Id.* In order to meet that deadline, the parties have been working diligently on written discovery, negotiating an ESI Agreement and Protective Order, and collecting documents for production.

The parties now wish to stay the proceedings so that they can engage in mediation and try to resolve the case prior to expending significant Court and party resources. The parties anticipate

1 that they will need a stay of 120 days in order to attempt to settle this litigation. The parties believe
2 this stay will provide enough time for the parties to agree on and retain a mediator, meet in person
3 for mediation, and address any post-mediation negotiation or settlement drafting that is required.
4 The parties anticipate that any settlement will involve comparatively complicated settlement terms,
5 and that 120 days is an appropriate period of time in which to conduct the necessary negotiations.
6 The parties additionally propose to file a status report with the Court following the mediation,
7 notifying the Court of whether the parties have been able to resolve the litigation, if they anticipate
8 a further stay to reach an agreement, or if they intend to resume the litigation and seek to obtain
9 an extension of the current deadlines.

10 The Court has the power to stay proceedings to control its docket, to conserve judicial
11 resources, and to ensure “economy of time and effort for itself, for counsel, and for litigants.”
12 *Landis v. North Amer. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936). The parties’ proposed 120-day stay will
13 conserve judicial resources and ensure “economy of time and effort for itself, for counsel, and for
14 litigants.” *Id.*

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1 DATED this 5th day of January, 2024

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~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

The Court GRANTS the parties' stipulated motion. This matter is STAYED for 120 days pending mediation between the parties. The parties are directed to provide a joint status report to the Court within fourteen (14) days of their completion of mediation to update the Court on the outcome of the mediation.

Dated this 8th day of January, 2024.



MARSHA J. PECHMAN
United States Senior District Judge

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